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The recent announcement by Pravda of the formation in Eastern Europe of a regional federation of Communist parties was taken by many Latin American countries to mean a revival of the old Comintern; and, under this presumption, the news provoked immediate controversy and subsequent action. The following

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- (1) Copies of the announcement were distributed by presidential order to the different government ministries and departments. The Ministry of War and the Federal Police Department were alerted. Suggestions for combatting the expected Communist offensive were requested by the government of various high-ranking police officers.
- (2) President Peron considers the announcement to be a Communist declaration of war against the democracies. He believes that increased Communist activity in Argentina and throughout the rest of the world will follow. That aggravated attempts will be made to sabotage the successful completion of the presidential five year plan. In answer to recent government attacks on Communism, is another firm conviction of President Peron.

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[REDACTED] There are further indications that the Argentine government is preparing to strike hard at Communism, evidenced by the formation of a special, highly-trained police organization and by the expansion of the already existent Orden Especial squad.

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